

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 584

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Jolanda Fuller for her great courage and resourcefulness.

WHEREAS, over much of its history, Tennessee has been known as the Volunteer State because it has been the home of so many valiant men, women and children who have responded with great courage and strength of character in times of trouble and adversity, whether in war or peace; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding Tennessean is Jolanda Fuller, who, on May 18, 2007, acted with courage and resourcefulness to save the lives of eight children trapped in a burning house; and

WHEREAS, on that fateful day, Ms. Fuller noticed fog coming from a nearby street; following the fog to Dempster Street, she realized that an abandoned house had caught fire and that the fire had spread to the house next door; and

WHEREAS, the grateful children now refer to Ms. Fuller as “the lady who saved us,” and their mother, Charlene Allbright-Bennett, simply refers to her as her “angel”; and

WHEREAS, a junior at the University of Tennessee at Martin, Jolanda Fuller humbly refuses to consider herself a hero, despite accolades such as her church’s standing ovation in honor of her actions; indeed, her bravery and quick thinking surely bode well for her future as an investigator; and

WHEREAS, Jolanda Fuller’s courage and strength of character are clearly deserving of special recognition and praise; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Jolanda Fuller for her outstanding demonstration of courage, resourcefulness and presence of mind, as we join with all the citizens of Tennessee in expressing our admiration and appreciation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we offer our best wishes to Ms. Fuller and her family for every success and happiness in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.